

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [066] with the following amended paragraph:

[066] Once the mounting assembly 50 is attached to the evacuated enclosure 12 disposed in the inner volume 110 of the outer housing 11, the mounting assembly is securely fastened to the exterior of the outer housing using screws that pass through the attachment screw holes 88 of the mounting assembly and into the holes 114 defined in the outer housing. Any screws not already securely tightened (such as the screws for attaching the clamp portion 60 and the bracket portion 80 together) can be tightened at this point. A top cover (not shown) can then be placed to cover the open end of the outer housing 11. In this way, the evacuated enclosure 12 is simply, accurately, and securely positioned within the outer housing 12, via the mounting assembly 50 as disclosed herein. In this configuration, the evacuated enclosure 12 is fully supported within the outer housing such that a gap exists between the outer surface of the evacuated enclosure portion 12A and the inner surface of the outer housing ~~12~~11. Final assembly steps can then be taken to complete the x-ray tube 10 assembly and prepare it for operation.